

Waterford Mennonite Church

Advent 5

December 31, 2017

As the people of Waterford Mennonite Church, we

Welcome everyone to faith and fellowship in Jesus Christ,

Minister to the needs of one another and our neighbors through the Holy Spirit, and

Call out each other's gifts for the joyful work of God's reconciling mission.

Yes! Let it Be!



Zoë Brown

Bring it on, God!

Yes! Let it be new

Prelude of Carols		JD Smucker, John Zehr
Call to worship		Loanne Harms
Lighting the Advent candle		
Congregational Song	<i>Praise the Lord, sing hallelujah</i>	H 50
Confession		
Offering	(Gifts are for Mennonite Education unless designated otherwise) <i>Please pass the friendship pads as we give our offerings.</i>	
Children's time		Rachel Brenneman
Christmas Choir		Josh Tyson, director
Scripture	Galatians 4:4-7; Luke 2:22-40	
Sermon	"God's Mysterious Purposes"	Neil Amstutz
Song of response	<i>God is working his purpose out</i>	H 638
Congregational prayer		
Voices of "Wisdom" and "Wonder"		
Time of silence		
Benediction		
Sending song	<i>Hope is a candle</i>	SS 15

H = *Hymnal: A Worship Book*; SJ = *Sing the Journey*; SS = *Sing the Story*

*We light the peace lamp every Sunday to lament all unnecessary and violent loss of life around the world.

Living Stream Worship: The services are live streamed at www.waterfordchurch.org



Special Worship Participants

Candle lighters: Bill Minter (1st); Dave & Jo Ward Selman family (2nd)
Drama: Carol Lehman, Daphcar Lehman (1st); Ron Weirich, Ethan Claassen (2nd)



Prayers for Brothers and Sisters

For us all to have greater awareness of God's desire to be birthed in each of our lives, awakening us to the changes God has already made in the world, and to the changes God desires to bring within and about us with our help.

For us all as we enter the New Year that we might have a greater desire to seek first the kingdom of God.

This week we remember in prayer college student *Daniel Robles* who is a first year student at Goshen College.

Tonight is Watch Night in many African-American communities. At midnight on Jan. 1, 1863, the Emancipation Proclamation became law. Though written 154 years ago, that law has not yet been completely fulfilled. Join Mennonite Mission Network in proclaiming and working toward salvation and justice for all people in the coming year.

Glen & Thelma Horner, who are celebrating their 62nd wedding anniversary today.

Welcome Guests

Large print copies of the bulletin and the hymnal and hearing aid systems are available from the ushers. Sermon boards for children are available at the back door; please pick one up as you enter. You are invited to bring infants through age two children to the nursery. Pick up the newsletter, *Buzz*, from the welcome kiosk in the foyer.

Welcome Team

Greeter/Hosts	Henry & Fanny Mast; Becky, Gretchen and Lucas Bateman
Ushers	Ken Otto, Glenn Reinford, Dennis Myers (1 st); Glenn Reinford, Wade Ramer, Carolyn Kauffman (2 nd)
Nursery	Julie Zehr, Cindy Yoder (1 st); Barb Westerbeek, Kathy Myers (Nurture); Julie Zehr, Miranda Pfahler (2 nd)
Audiovisual	Bob Hochstedler, Colin Berkey

Last Sunday Attendance: Worship – 362 (151+211); Nurture – 209

Finances – December 24, 2017

Operating Fund	\$ 13,261.83	Mennonite Education	\$ 585.00
Either Fund	\$ 2,920.00	Budget subtotal	\$ 16,766.83
<i>Weekly giving needed to meet budget</i>			<i>\$ 16,350.00</i>
Children's Offering	\$ 1.25	The Window	\$ 75.00
Charlene Christophel Mem.	\$ 300.00	Total:	\$ 17,143.08

Today

7:50/10:30 Pre-service carol singing
8:00/10:45 a.m. Worship
9:30 a.m. All-church Christmas Brunch; No nurture hour

This Week at Waterford

Monday Office Closed
Wednesday 12:00 p.m. OWLS/Juniper Place
7:00 p.m. MYF
Thursday 7:00 a.m. Morning Prayers
2:00 p.m. Youth Cluster/Room 15

Looking Ahead

January 7 Sermon: AMBS Student, Amos Muhagachi; Epiphany
January 14 Sermon: Cindy Voth; Book, Bath, Table and Time
(Matt. 28:18-20; Rom. 6:1-11; 1 John 5:6-8)

Pastoral Team

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